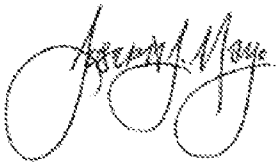


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**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

For at least the reasons stated herein, Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance. If the Examiner differs in this conclusion, the Examiner is hereby requested to contact Applicant's representative for purposes of a telephone interview at the number listed below before any action (other than an allowance) is initiated.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Joseph J. Mayo". The signature is written in dark ink on a white background.

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